

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2020

Tarrant County Public Health announced an additional 55 new cases and 3 new deaths overnight. This brings the County totals to 4266 positive cases, 120 deaths, and 1467 total recoveries. The total recovery number has jumped substantially overnight. Bedford totals remain steady at 75 positive cases, 25 recoveries, and 1 death.

Out of a total capacity of 5,727 beds in the County, only 237 are currently being occupied by COVID-19 confirmed patients. In addition, 213 ventilators in the County are occupied, out of a total of 639.

As you know, the Bedford City Council has elected to shut down summer events and programming in their entirety, which is occurring in more cities throughout DFW. In a conference call with area mayors and the Texas Association of Fairs & Events, it is apparent that with all the uncertain COVID-19 impacts, cities are struggling to justify conducting performing arts programming, summer concert series, and other festivals. Another common struggle is the decision to open public swimming pools. Cities continue to look for more guidance from the State and health authorities as they make these decisions.

Today is Peace Officers Memorial Day in Bedford. This is being commemorated in conjunction with National Police Week throughout the State.

Have a great weekend and stay safe.